[English]

Setting up of Railway Crossing in Rajasthan

3655. SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new railway crossings set up in Rajasthan during 1995-96;

(b) whether there was direct rail service from Sri Ganganagar to Mumbai earlier which has now been discontinued;

(c) if so, whether the said service is proposed to be restored;

(d) whether the Government propose to start direct rail service from Anupgarh and Suratgarh to Delhi; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Nil.

(b) Three through coaches between Sri Ganganagar and Mumbai were discontinued when Mumbai-Firozepur Punjab Mail was converted into air brake.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

New Rail Line from Etawah to Mainpuri

3656. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to lay a new rail line from Etawah to Mainpuri and to electrify it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated for the above line; and

(d) the time by which the above work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. There is however, no proposal to electrify this line.

(b) and (c) The construction work of this 60 kms. long line has been included in the Supplementary Budget 1997-98 at a cost of Rs. 120.00 crores with outlay of Rs. 10 lakhs during 1997-98. The work will be taken up after the requisite clearances have been obtained.

(d) The date of completion has not yet been decided.

[English]

Anomalies in SAIL's Profit

3657. SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY :
SHRI SUNIL KHAN :
DR. ASIM BALA :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are anomalies in SAIL's profit projection;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (c) Accounts are drawn by SAIL in line with the requirement of the Companies Act as also the accounting policies of the company, and the same are duly audited by Company auditors and the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG).

[Translation]

Posts reserved for Scheduled Tribes

3658. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies of Scheduled Tribes lying vacant in his Ministry/Departments throughout the country State-wise and Category-wise;

(b) whether the persons other than working on these posts;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government to fill up the entire backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) The details of vacancies in Ministry and its subordinate offices is as under;

	Group "A"	Group "B"	Group "C"	Group "D"
1. Ministry of Mines (Secretariat proper)	-	3	2	-
2. Indian Bureau of Mines	3	-	3	-
3. Geological Survey of India	49	23	137	7

(b) No person other than Scheduled Tribe persons are working on these posts.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Action has already been initiated to fill up these vacancies.